

# THE BRYANETTE

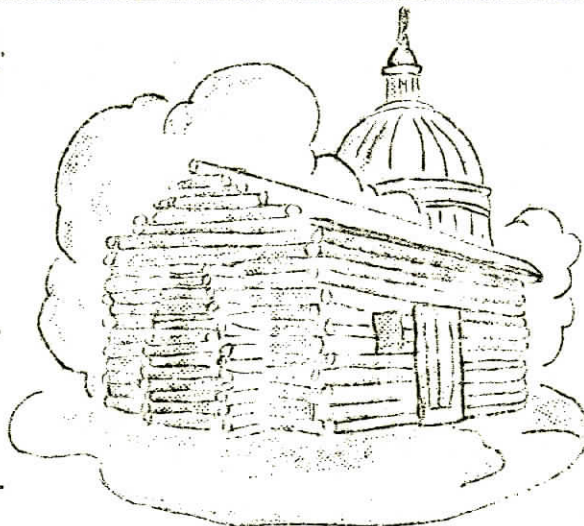
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## PIONEERING

With a miniature log cabin centerpiece and tiny log sections for place cards, the tables for the Alumni Banquet suggested the scene of pioneer days. The toastmistress, Beatrice Batson '44, welcomed not only the graduating class of '45 with its eight members, as well as Dr.

and Mrs. Rudd, but also out-of-town alumni including Mabel Arnold Walker, '40, Jean Neff '44, Albert Wyllie, '44, Kenneth Ken-  
nard ex '45, and five alumni of the staff.

A delicious dinner featuring the famous Southern fried chicken was made the more pleasant by the program which consisted of a duet by Mabel and Becky, a piano



solo by Mary Lois, the humorous reading, "The Ran-Tan Skin Skoon Hunting" given by Mabel Walker and a message by Rev. Albert Wyllie all appropriately introduced by the toastmistress. Supporting the theme, Al challenged his listeners to be faithful in our "pioneering" for Christ as we follow the example which He has set.

At the business meeting Lloyd Fish presided. The seniors accepted the invitation to become members of the Alumni Association and joined in electing the following officers:

President: Rebecca Peck '40  
V. President: Beatrice Batson '44  
Sec.-Treas.: Alice Northrup '45

Although many of you were absent this year, we hope to see you next year.

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THANK YOU !

A special word of thanks is extended to those who so thoughtfully sent a contribution for promotion of the BRYANETTE.

Since this news messenger received such a hearty response not only from our

alumni but also from former staff members and students, we are planning to incorporate in this issue and future issues "news and views" from these members of Bryan's ever-growing family.

FORMER STAFF MEMBERS GREET US

Major D. W. Ryther, 0213392 (GERMANY)

Hq. XIII Corps, A. P. O. 463

c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.

"Those of us who know Him are thankful, indeed, that the slaughter has drawn to a close and that God has seen fit to bless the efforts of the Allied Nations once again. May He likewise help in the Pacific struggle and bring it to an earlier close than we anticipate. Let me say simply, for nothing else can quite express it--He has been a Wonderful Saviour, a Faithful Shepherd, and Ever Present Help.

"What the future holds I cannot tell, but I am praying that He might open the door for my return to Bryan and many years of service to Him there with you faithful workers.

". . . Congratulations on the completion of what I hear is one of your most successful years. May God bless each of you and give to you some opportunity for rest and relaxation."

Mrs. Allyne G. Currens, Atlanta, Georgia  
(wife of late Dr. Charles H. Currens)

"The NEWSETTE is here with its plans for the future, its senior class and all. I enjoyed it. . .

"School demands so much of my time that I keep a nose to the grinding stone. We are drawing toward the end of the year, but I think duty in summer school may fall to me. Num. 6:24-26"

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Miss Julia Anna Yancey, Weirsdale, Fla.

"I like the alumni paper very much. Whose idea? It won't be long before the hundred mark in the number of graduates is reached. There are so many things at Bryan that interest me. How are the houses for faculty coming along? . . .

"I plan to take a couple of courses at summer school (University of Florida). . . . along the English line, perhaps American literature and speech. . .

"Mother and Dad are very happy in their new home. (Weirsdale, too). . . Love to all."

/Pa.  
Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Brownlee, Brookville.

"We hear from some of the girls occasionally. Had a letter from Pifers not long ago. Where are Ernie and Rosie now? Have not heard for some time from them.

"The church here celebrated their 100th anniversary two weeks ago. Had a two weeks revival with several saved, closing with all-day Sunday celebration. The church was packed at all the services. I am teaching the women's class for the summer.

"Received the card from Bryan asking that all join in prayer on May 6th. . . We surely will join you in prayer for the success of your plans. . . May God bless and prosper all plans for the success of your program and plans for Bryan's future."

HOW OLD ART THOU? -- This tract written by the late Dr. Charles Currens has been re-printed in very attractive form by Good News Publishing Co., Chicago, Illinois.



Rev. and Mrs. Vernel Shannon, ex '34

(Peggy and Jack) Villa Park, Ill.

Rev. and Mrs. Shannon have made plans to leave the work at the Bible Church of Villa Park, Ill. where Rev. Shannon has been pastor, to become associated with the Hebrew Christian Fellowship in Philadelphia, of which Rev. O. E. Phillips is the director. Mr. Shannon organized the Maranatha Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio prior to his going to Villa Park. In the new field of service Rev. Shannon will act as assistant director.

Sgt. Paul Wakefield, ex '34, PACIFIC

From his Georgia hometown newspaper we glean this story:

"If Marine Sergeant Paul Wakefield of Rome, Ga., ever returns to his professorship at Berry College, his pupils may hear some phases of this war that are not in the textbooks. . .

"During 13 days of torrid action on Iwo Jima, Wakefield led a heroic squad in which every man was hit, and probably none of the wounds resulted from a more hair-raising incident than his.

"On that unlucky 13th day, a bullet from a Jap sniper pierced his helmet, lifting it into the air, and it settled down again on his head. The shot only grazed his scalp, but there was a burn that required treatment. . .

"Wakefield, a graduate of Loyola University, reserved little credit for himself as he praised other Georgians who were with him."

Ruth Dawson, '40, Charleston, W. Va.

"The Lord has led me to an undreamed of path of service, that of being a missionary to Israel under the Cleveland Hebrew Mission, visiting in Jewish homes and stores throughout southern West Virginia. As the poet said: 'Tis good to know about Him, and right the truth to own; but, oh how sweet to know Him, and then to make Him known.'"

"It's good to be a member of the Bryan family, and best of all be belong to the household of faith. Long may Bryan stand, as a living memorial to the Faith of our Fathers! 'Til Jesus comes!"

Mildred Kuntz, '40, Lupton, Arizona

"The Alumni news sheet was received and how happy I was to read about former Bryan students. . .

"Today I started a two weeks' Bible class at Manulets, N. M., which is six miles away. Fifteen gathered, both Navajo and white folks. Opposition was already raised by the Catholics--only a Catholic church is in that locality. Thank you for your prayers and may our Lord continue to richly bless you all."

Howard Kee, '40, Memphis, Tenn.

Howard has recently assumed directorship of the Young Life Campaign in west Tennessee with headquarters in Memphis, having been transferred from similar responsibility in Little Rock, Ark. He mentioned plans for enrolling at Wheaton for the Intercession course.

Paul ex '42 and Lillian Hummel Levengood,  
'40, Dayton, Tennessee.

Paul and Lillian are cooperating with Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Levengood in holding a camp on Bryan Hill for fifteen children who have responded to the work of Bible memory contests sponsored by the Tennessee Mountain Mission.

M/Sgt. Edward Paul, '41, San Marcos, Tex.

"Received first edition of BRYANETTE which was much appreciated and enjoyed. Perhaps you will be surprised to hear that I am married--since March 8 to be exact--to the former Miss Tess Megna of Mt. Kisco, N. Y. It was while I was on furlough in Seattle, Washington where she was working at the time. I met her in Washington, D. C. before I went overseas. . . . We have an apartment in Austin, Texas, making it necessary for me to commute to San Marcos air field daily--a round trip of 65 miles. But it is worth it; I'm having the time of my life. Regards to all."

#### CONGRATULATIONS, SCARLET!

After the Gold team had held the silver trophy for three successive years of triumph in the forensic and athletic contests, the Scarlets were even more enthusiastic over their success in recapturing the honors this year with very close competition throughout the year.

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"Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Mark Levengood, SoM 2/c, PACIFIC

"I just received your notice of the Alumni news sheet--excellent idea.

"I am roaming the vast Central Pacific on a destroyer. I was in Guam last January where I had the pleasure of meeting Jesse Humberd.

"With the Lord's help I am leading a 'Bible study' group which meets twice a week aboard my ship. I am looking to the Lord to use His Word to bring conviction and salvation to precious souls and strength and growth to His own.

"I can testify to the joy, satisfaction, and peace which Christ alone can give regardless of environment or circumstance. What a wonderful Saviour we have!"

Margaret Lowe, ex '42, Orlando, Florida

"I just received the BRYANETTE and have read every bit of it. I hope we will receive another soon, or I will have this one memorized."

Margaret is employed with Dr. Phillips' fruit packing company in Orlando as bookkeeper. When she visited at Bryan during commencement week as guest of Paul and Lillian Levengood, Margaret expressed herself as being thrilled to see the progress that has been made at Bryan in the five years since she left. She repeated her gratitude to the Lord for the blessings she had enjoyed while a student, especially for the deep spiritual ministry of visiting speakers and regular Bible teachers. She was glad to be refreshed through messages of the commencement speakers.



Richard and Eileen Langford, '43, Dallas.

"The BRYANETTE was most welcome. In it we found out so many things that we have been wondering about that we are ready for another issue soon... I hope the news letter will get to be a regular thing and bring the whole family closer together in the bonds of love for Him and for the School.

"I wish that we could get up for graduation this year, but the same day of graduation I have a test in Hebrew. . . My school work is really getting hard. I am taking my major in Greek and as a result I have really been sweating it out. With each course there is a paper. Already this semester I have written over 100,000 words in papers, and I don't like to write. Sometimes I feel that I should go back and take the easier course and then comes the knowledge that I will get so much more out of the one that I am taking."

T/3 Wilbert C. Rahiser, ex '43 writes from the Virgin Islands that he has appreciated the Bryan news and letters that have gone his way. He writes of being very busy but continues to wish the Lords best for Bryan.

Wedding bells rang for Eltha Wright ex '43, who was married in December 1944 to the brother of Alvin Hall, '40, and Carowin Hall Wright, ex '44. The couple now resides in Texas City, Texas, where Mr. Hall is an insurance salesman.

Lt. (j.g.) Jesse Humberd, PACIFIC

". . . It's been over 16 months now since I've been home, but we expect to return within 3 or 4 more months for an overhaul. . .

"Haven't seen any more from Bryan out here. Saw John Harper's ship once, and sent them a message. They said he was still in Pearl Harbor.

"I wonder if some of the Bryanites will be discharged now? Cecil Hanson, Homer Wright, and maybe even Maj. Ryther. My brother Paul, was in the very front for a long time and got the bronze star. Maybe he will get out also. It doesn't look like we can look forward to that for some time to come out here. Actually V-E Day made a small splash to us and we went about our business as usual. It is hard to realize I've been away for three years, and yet many things make it seem real. Mrs. Lynip wrote that Judy was nearly six years old. Sometimes time drags, but it does pass by.

"We have pretty good Sunday services now. Average about 30-40 people in the mess-hall. Usually the same ones come each time when off watch."

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Can You Supply Addresses for These:

Quentin Thurman	Pauline Stegall
Terrence Bentley	Leta Masoner
Estus Goss	Elizabeth Myers
Franklin Bennett	Tibbs Maxey
Marion Barth	

Calvin R. Miller, Lancaster, Penna.

The Weekly Echoes of the Covenant Church of Lancaster, Penna. tells us that the pulpit of that church was occupied on May 20 by Calvin R. Miller, who in the recent session of the quarterly conference held on May 4 was granted quarterly conference license to preach the Gospel.

Sam Hemberger, '44, Philadelphia, Penna.

"Just received the BRYANETTE yesterday. Can't eat--can't sleep--want to do nothing but read it o'er and o'er and o'er. Please don't let it die. Give us more and More and MORE. Please!" (Sam sounds sincere, doesn't he? !)

When Sam visited at commencement time he seemed quite as enthusiastic as his letter sounded. He told us how much he had enjoyed his studies at Seminary, finding Hebrew a real pleasure under professors who have made it so. But he didn't spare words to tell us how glad he was for the renewed fellowship with the Bryan family.

Lt. L. B. Winstead, '44, Monroe, La.

"My hopes of getting to Bryan before graduation are almost annihilated. I came here this afternoon (Tallassee, Fla.) as an instructor and planned to fly back tonight but our landing gear collapsed as we landed, so we made a successful belly landing. No one was injured; in fact, I couldn't even get excited. The Lord is gracious."

GROTE GRAZES BRYAN CHIMNEY

Or so it sounded as the deafening whirr of an airplane motor called everyone on Bryan Hill from his post of duty at 12:30 p.m. June 7, the day after Commencement.

We watched the plane circle overhead and then swoop down as Pilot Grote, ex '44, maneuvered it so closely to the chimney and roof of the building that one involuntarily wanted to duck. Little David Garber insists that he came just six inches from the top of the tennis court back stop, probably to help recover a straying tennis ball with a wing of the plane.

And Roy waved his greetings to us too as he flew into position where he could be viewed in his pilot's seat.

It was his promise the day before of such a visit as he planned to fly from Chattanooga to Pensacola that assured us that our aerial visitor was a friendly one.

Beatrice Batson, '44, Dayton, Tenn.

Holding forth for the summer, Bea plans to return to Bryan after a short visit at home, to teach Ancient History in the summer school session which is being inaugurated this year.

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Faith of our fathers! living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!



Summer Wemp, ex '45, Dallas, Texas

"Indeed I would like to share in the BRYANETTE. If it is to include former students so much the better! I surely hate not becoming an alumnus this year with my class, but God has other plans and Dallas Seminary seems to be it for now.

"God is richly blessing in our classes here as we truly get His Word taught. Along with this though, as at Bryan, we enjoy practical work outside. Since October the Lord has led me to a small Methodist Church as Young Peoples' director. It has been a thrill to see souls saved and to see Christians come out for Him to love His Word and His fellowship in prayer.

"The greatest thrill came when a young dance band leader found Christ on a bus one night. His words were, I see that! why no one ever told me that before." Rom. 1:16 is still true.

"Please tell me the financial plan for the BRYANETTE and count me in. Prov. 17:3"

Kenneth C. Kennard, ex '45, Charleston, S.C.

"Thanks a lot for your first issue of the BRYANETTE. It's the answer to every GI's question as to what's doing back at school.

"This particular GI has been stationed here in Charleston for the last fourteen months, and has attained the rank of Pfc. We have been training navigators from B-24 combat crews in celestial

Pfc. Blake Ingraham, ex '45, GERMANY

"Sitting here in Germany I think of the wonderful times we had there and the Christian fellowship that was shown by everyone there. I have wished many times that I were still there, but Uncle Sam needed me so you can see what happened.

"Although I have seen a great deal of beautiful country, especially Germany, I still like Tenn. better than any I have seen. I'd certainly enjoy going on one of those hikes we used to take in the mountains surrounding Bryan.

"I was very happy to hear that you are finishing part of the building. Perhaps some day I will be able to return as a visitor.

"I must tell you something of which I am very proud; my outfit was the first Tank Destroyer Unit to cross the Rhine River.

"Here is something my old classmates will probably be surprised at--I am a married man now. Yes, married! It happened in Texas on the 21st of November 1944--a hometown girl!"

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navigation, and we are now going to give the same stuff to Air Transport Command navigators.

"I'm looking forward to a visit to Bryan. I know the Lord will grant us a wonderful time of reunion and fellowship."

And Kenny was here with a real testimony as he visited the Bryan family and especially his sister, Elaine. He also planned to visit his parents in Florida.

Albert Moginot, ex '46, Dallas, Texas

"It was a year ago this June that I left Bryan to attend the Dallas Seminary. As to the weather in Dallas--it is HOT. As to the scenery--there is none! I missed the hills of Tennessee and the lake below Bryan Hill. There is no gulch for hiking or Lone Mountain for climbing in the flat land country of Texas. But the Lord is with us wherever we go so that every land is "God's country"--and Texas is not exempt!

"The Lord supplied my need financially, physically, and spiritually at Dallas even as He did at Bryan.

"Now I am at Bryan on a visit and am enjoying the fellowship here as a member of the Bryan family. I have done some hard physical labor for the first time in a year. The first night after digging a ditch I was slightly disturbed by an occasional groan that accompanied my sleep, but now that I have recovered I am busy at work again.

"The Lord has not withheld any good thing, and, as has been His custom with me, He has taught many precious lessons that draw me nearer to Him. Praise His name!"

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#### CONGRATULATIONS TO PIFERS

Bethel Lynne Pifer arrived on June 4 to cheer the hearts of her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pifer, ex '45, Winona Lake, Indiana.

#### COMMENCEMENT VISITORS

In the review of the alumni banquet mention was made of some of our visitors, but still others found their way to Bryan Hill to enjoy other activities of Commencement week. From last year's class were Eugene Rosenau, Sam Hembergor, Robert St. John and his wife. Bethel Smith was able to stop on her homeward journey from Olivet College in Kankakee, Ill., where she graduated this year with the honor summa cum laude. Norma Rankin Robinson, ex '45, visited with her husband, and Margaret Lowe, ex '42, spent several days on Bryan Hill. Ens. Royal Grote, ex '44, arrived just a few minutes too late to see Dot Morgan receive her degree.

Sgt. Mervin Mellinger, ex '43, was a welcome guest on his return from Europe early in May. Also in May Mrs. Pettit spent a day with us.

Since commencement returning Bryan family members have been Robert Thompson, '42, on his way home to Butler, Pa., after receiving navy medical discharge, Rev. and Mrs. Julius Reeves, recently returned from Texas, and Albert Moginot, ex '46, of Dallas Seminary.

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